

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0016] as follows:

[0016] In this embodiment, each nozzle 12 has a nozzle extension member or nozzle end 28 with a rear portion 30 which extends a distance inside a nozzle body portion 32 of nozzle 12. The distance by which rear portion 30 extends inside body 34 32 may be varied, as will be discussed further below. Nozzle end 28 is removably mounted to a seat 34 in nozzle body 32, as will also be discussed further below. Nozzle 12 is heated by a electrical heating element 36 extending around nozzle body 32 and to an external terminal 38. Nozzle body 32 has a thermocouple 40, a support flange 42, a forward end 44, and a rear end 46.

Please amend paragraph [0018] as follows:

[0018] Referring specifically to Figure 2, nozzle end 28 contacts and abuts nozzle body 32 along an interface 80. Nozzle extension end 28 has mounting means 82 for releasably mounting nozzle end 28 in seat 34 of nozzle body 32. In this case, mounting means 82 comprises a mating thread set 84 in nozzle end 28 and seat 34. Similarly, nozzle tips 60 have mounting means 86, in this case thread sets 88, for releasably mounting tips 60 to nozzle end 28. Each nozzle tip 60 has a collar 90 which is preferably hexagonally-shaped and adapted to permit tip 60 to grasped by an appropriate tool for mounting and demounting tip 60 to nozzle end 28. Tip 60 also has sealing means 92 for sealingly engaging the inner surface of well 14 around gate 20 to minimize leakage of pressurized melt into the space between well 14 and nozzle 12. In this case, sealing means 92 comprises a flat flange or face 94 adapted to seat against the wall of well 14.